

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at Lake Jackson City Hall with the following present:

Madeleine Felsted, Chair
Jack Rudder
David Preston
Larry Rosenbohm
P. C. Miller

William P. Yenne, City Manager
Modesto Mundo, Asst. City Manager
Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary
Robert Turner, Police Lieutenant

Rob Dotson, Council Liaison, Bob Sipple, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madeleine Felsted led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Jack Rudder second by P. C. Miller with all members present voting “aye” the minutes were approved as presented.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

There were no visitors present to speak on a non agenda item.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS MEDIAN CUTS ON LAKE ROAD JUST SOUTH OF SH332 – JOE RINEHART

The majority felt the median should be left as it is.

There was no action on this item.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS SCHOOL ZONE AT THE INTERSECTION OF N. YAUPON AND OYSTER CREEK DRIVE

David Preston stated he felt something needed to be done to bring attention to the motorist that there is a school zone north of Oyster Creek Drive on North Yaupon and asked for suggestions from the Commission.

On motion by David Preston second by Jack Rudder with all members present voting “aye” approval was granted for the painting of “school zone” on the pavement on N. Yaupon just north of Oyster Creek Drive.

DISCUSS ORDINANCE BEING CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Jack Rudder said he asked that this be on the agenda as he felt there were items in the ordinances that did not need to be there. He did not understand the storing of antique vehicles having to be inside a storage facility.

Mr. Yenne explained that portion of the ordinance was not new and had been on the books for many years. The only portion that was changed regarding junked vehicles was to bring the ordinance into compliance with State law.

Council member Dotson reviewed the ordinance Council has recently adopted regarding the parking of junked vehicles and recreational vehicles and the ordinance Council is currently working on amending regarding the parking of tractor trailer rigs and wreckers.

Larry Rosenbohm stated he felt the parking of the recreational vehicles were more of an eyesore than the wreckers and tractor trailer rigs.

Council member Dotson stated that wreckers and tractor trailer rigs were being addressed as the result of citizen complaints.

There was no action on this item.

DISCUSS ALLOWING FOR MODIFICATIONS TO SIDEWALKS BY PROPERTY OWNERS TO ALLOW PARKING OF VEHICLES ON THEM, AND GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS AND THE RIGHT OF WAY - JACK RUDDER

Jack Rudder stated that in the older part of town when people park their cars on both sides of the street there is not enough room for a lane of travel down the middle of the street. Mr. Rudder stated that when the rehabilitation of the Brazos Oaks Subdivision was done if the sidewalks were placed back of curb and make wider to where motorist could park one tire (front and back) on the sidewalk this would give a wider lane of travel down the middle of the road.

Council member Dotson stated not parking on the sidewalk is a state law and he did not feel Council could officially do this.

Mr. Mundo stated he felt the only solution would be to widen the roads.

Mr. Rudder asked that no parking on one side of the street in the bend of a curve be placed on the next agenda.

REVIEW STOP SIGN/YIELD SIGN POLICY

On motion by David Preston second by Larry Rosenbohm with all members present voting "aye" the stop sign/yield sign policy was approved as amended to change the wording to clarify the wording of from "gathering of evidence of support" to gathering of signatures for petition.

ACCIDENT REPORT – OCTOBER

The October accident report was accepted with thanks.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Council member Dotson said Chief Hromadka is looking into Red Light Cameras at intersections. Along with this is the option of trying to increase the timing between the changing of the lights.

Council member Dotson also reported an increase in school zone times from 7:15 in the mornings to 7:00 a.m. at all locations.

COMMISSION ITEMS

David Preston asked for information on traffic light timing along SH332. Mr. Yenne stated they cannot be timed, they are operated by TxDot.

Madeleine Felsted said the rail road crossing arms have been placed at the Marigold intersection and asked if they were going in at the Sleepy Hollow subdivision. She stated they are not blowing their horns. Mr. Yenne said he would look into this.

The Commission thanked the Mayor for his attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Larry Rosenbohm second by Jack Rudder with all members present voting “aye” the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Madeleine Felsted, Chairperson

Robert Orr, Secretary